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ANOTHER FAIR.

A Washington special to the New York Herald says that on Thursday the wisdom of sending a commission to the Philippines to study the conditions and report to Congress was the subject of a long conference at the White House between the President and a member of Congress who is frequently consulted by the President in regard to legislation bearing upon our foreign relations. The President, the special goes on to assert, is known to be "in search of additional light on the habits, qualifications, and capabilities of the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands before committing the American people to any fixed line of policy."

So it seems that we are to have another fair in connection with the question of annexing the Philippines. Soon after the signing of the peace protocol, it was given out, in effect, and upon the best of authority, that the President wanted to know what the people thought before deciding upon a Philippine policy. In other words, it was given out that he would be controlled by the popular will. Then he made a swing around the western circle in the interest of expansion, and on November 8th last, the people told him what they thought. All things considered, the result of the congressional elections was a very emphatic pronouncement against expansion. Nevertheless, Mr. McKinley's peace commissioners, so far as in their power lay, committed the country to a policy of imperialism. The sequel and the public admission of one of the commissioners showed that this was the work they were appointed to do and were expected to do, regardless of American public sentiment. So far as negotiations were concerned, the labors of the commission were child's play. Their programme was out and dried and the end was in sight from the beginning.

And if the President appoints a commission to visit the Philippines we may rest assured that its complexion will be such as will tint the "light" just as Mr. McKinley and his imperialistic advisers want it tinted. Its "investigation" will be as much a travesty upon investigation as the "negotiations" of Mr. McKinley's peace commissioners were a travesty upon negotiations. In view of Mr. McKinley's record on the Philippine question, and of the influences that dominate him, it is an insult to the intelligence of the American people to suppose that they will see in the new proposition anything but another farce—or a trick.

FUNNY, ISN'T IT?

The Philadelphia Press treats its readers to a long article upon the racial antagonisms in Europe. We say "racial" antagonisms, because the article is both interesting and informative. It bears internal evidence of the fact that the Press has devoted time and labor without stint to posting itself. Its article is learned and philosophic, and is entitled to a prize as an ethnic dissertation. Our contemporary passes in review the expulsion by the Prussian Government of Austrian Slaves from Silesia, of Russians from German Poland, and of Danes from Holstein, and makes the reasons therefor as clear as daylight. Then it takes up the racial antagonisms in the Austrian division of the dual monarchy, and states their cause and probable effect upon the future of Franz-Joseph's dominions with a lucidity which proves that it has a marvelously comprehensive grip upon the situation. Next it devotes itself to the racial status in the other half of Austria-Hungary, which it handles with the same consummate ability, and as a finality crowns itself as master of the subject by explaining the bearing of race feeling upon the ramparts between Norway and Sweden. The logical deductions from the Press's presentation of the conditions in Continental Europe are that race prejudice is inborn, and that the race instinct is the cause of all the woes and unrest of all the nations of the Continent.

And yet, despite its clearness of vision when it contemplates the race question abroad, the Press is positively blind when it comes to contemplate that question at home. Our contemporary is one of the most rabid of the advocates of a policy, the consummation of which would complicate an hundredfold the race issue with which the United States have to deal. It would take under the protecting wing of the American eagle, and finally confer American citizenship upon 10,000,000

of people, who represent conditions almost as polyglot and polyethnic as those that are disturbing Austria-Hungary, and who as regards intelligence and position in the scale of humanity, are not worthy to be mentioned in the same breath with the population of the hyphenated empire-kingdom.

Moreover, notwithstanding its far-sightedness touching the natural ascription of race feeling in Europe, the Press cannot understand—or professes it cannot understand—why the white people of the South will not submit to the domination of an inferior race. Our contemporary can discuss with the utmost candor the demonstrations of race prejudice across the water, but every time the race instinct of the white man of the South manifests itself—be that manifestation never so essential to the preservation of our civilization and to good government—there is a wild, hysterical outburst in the Press's columns. Funny, isn't it?

Among the bills to be submitted for the consideration of the next Congress is one which aims to secure an extension of the Yellowstone National Park. The measure was transmitted to Congress last February by Colonel S. R. M. Young, of the United States army, who was then superintendent of the park.

The proposed increase of territory includes portions of Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana, and if the bill is passed will add 3,250 square miles to the area of the park.

There are many sentimental reasons which make the proposed measure popular, and the Secretary of the Interior endorsed it in his report of last year.

The game now within the reservation frequently strays away from the herds within the park, and roams through the adjoining forests, where pothunters are constantly on the lookout. The animals, accustomed to the safety of the park, have little fear of man, and are easily shot.

At present two troops of cavalry are stationed at Fort Yellowstone, and the work of guarding the park is imposed upon these men. Their duties as patrolmen are most onerous, and sometimes fraught with great dangers to health and sacrifice of comfort. The present reservation is 10 miles in length by fifty-five miles in width, and during the winter months the thermometer often ranges from 40 to 50 degrees below zero. Notwithstanding this, the troops have to continue their lonely and tedious work.

Under this strict regime the game has greatly increased. There are thousands of deer, elk, moose, and mountain sheep within the park, to say nothing of bears, muskrats, coyotes, foxes, otters, and beavers. The buffalo alone are diminishing in numbers. It is estimated that only about fifty of these animals now remain in the reservation. It is likely that an effort will be made to introduce new blood into the herd.

General Nelson A. Miles, commander of the army of the United States, is coming more than one war, has been in many hot places, and no one ever called him a coward. It is not likely, therefore, that he will run away from the attacks that are now being made upon him. Other by the Commission-General or by those who were interested in the contracts to supply the army with beef. The Baltimore American.

"The trouble is that General Miles is not beloved by the administration. The President's agents, Messrs. Alger and Corbin, are trying to 'down' him. They wish to humiliate him, and are resolved that, if they can prevent it, he shall not have the office of lieutenant-general, should that office be revived by Congress. And so Miles hardly knows which way to turn or what to do. His position is not to be envied."

The British War Office has been very much puzzled by an invitation from the Governor of Florida to it to send representatives to a "national militia convention" to be held at Tampa February 8th. The war lords do not understand what the thing is, or why they were invited to send representatives, and, therefore, they are going to send to Washington for information upon the subject.

We have known for some time that the militia question was a dreadful puzzle to the people of this country, and now it seems to be vexing the Johnnie Bulls also. It may be that the Governor of Florida has come to the conclusion that nobody over here understands the question, and has therefore invited the attendance of foreign experts.

The Habana correspondent of the New York Herald telegraphed on Thursday that General Lee was in favor of granting permission for the insurgents to parade and of recognizing Gomez as the head of the Cuban army; but that since General Brooke gave his decision, Lee has, of course, refused to express himself. He also reports that General Lee has received instructions from Secretary Alger to participate with his troops in the evacuation ceremonies. The troops will be marched early to the Vedado, where they will rest and be fed. They will then move along the sea road to the Prado, thence through the Prado past the Inglaterra Hotel to Reina avenue, turning to the left from Reina avenue, after passing Concha station, where the return road to the camp will be taken.

The youngest son of the late Jay Gould, Frank J., has purchased a seat in the New York Stock Exchange, paying therefor \$30,000, the highest price recorded. It is said, in more than ten years. All of his brothers are members of the Exchange. By the terms of his father's will Frank came into control of his share of the estate on attaining his majority. "He was 21 years old on December 5th last," says the New York Herald, "and on the following day Russell Sage, who had been trustee of his part of the fortune, rendered to him an accounting of his stewardship. The details were not made public, but, as the amount originally was more than \$10,000,000, the youngest Gould enters upon his career in finance with solid backing."

Recent events at Habana and in the Philippines give us an inkling of the trouble and expense to which our newly-attached dependencies are likely to subject us, but an inkling only. The possibilities of annoyance in these dependencies are vast.

The Charlotte (N. C.) News has done itself credit in issuing a 64-page illustrated "Western North Carolina" edition. It has also, by the same token, done its city and State a genuine service.

We wonder what North Carolina's hitherto Rep-Pop Governor means by going Democratic at this late day.

ANOTHER MURDER MYSTERY.

New York now has a murder mystery which is strangely like the famous Hotchkiss case. There are many peculiar circumstances connected with the affair, but it primarily involves a vial of poison, sent through the mails, and an innocent female victim.

It seems marvellous, indeed, that after the publicity given to the crime for which Mrs. Borkin is now on trial, other persons should have been deluded by a trick in many respects similar to the one to which she is alleged to have resorted.

Three days before Christmas, Harry Cornish, the physical director of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, received a package by mail. It was directed in a back hand and apparently a disguised one. The writing was evidently that of a woman, who had tried to imitate a masculine hand. Cornish, on opening the package, was both surprised and amused to find enclosed a small vial labeled "bromo," which was enclosed in a pretty medicine stand with silver-chained mountings. The recipient imagined that the gift was a mild hint to him not to drink too much during the holidays. He was well aware that the supposed bromo enclosed was a good antidote for the headaches which follow an excess of conviviality. The vial apparently had not been broken and the cork was sealed with wax.

Cornish took the package to his board-house and the people there all laughed heartily at its suggestiveness. A few days afterwards, Mrs. Kate G. Adams complained of feeling badly and some of the drug was given her. Almost immediately she realized that she had swallowed poison, but it was too late to save her. She died in twenty minutes.

Cornish, alarmed at the effects of the drug, sampled the bottle himself, taking a spoonful of the compound, and in an instant he fell unconscious to the floor. The doctor who was called in likewise tasted the contents of the vial, in order to ascertain the nature of the drug, and was at once rendered incapable of attending his patients.

An examination of the supposed bromo proved that it was cyanide of potassium, one of the most potent and baleful poisons known. It had evidently been exchanged for the bromo by skillful hands, for there was no evidence that the bottle had been tampered with.

The police claim that they have several clues on which they are working, but Cornish asserts that he is absolutely mystified, and has no idea who is the perpetrator of the offense.

A Duplicate Game.

(Chicago Record.)
A game of whist? Who could resist the challenge held when you insist? And yet, I'm told that, entre nous, some ladies hold a trick or two. Unknown to your antagonist.

I own I am no analyst
Of muffled ways, nor grasp the gist
Of half their plays—thus I may rue
A game of whist.

But, like an ardent student,
I'll give the wheel of chance a twist;
I'll play my hand—and would it do
To try to win your hand from you?

If hearts be trumps? Do you persist—
A game of whist?

Another Solar-Plexus Blow.

(Chicago News.)
Softleigh: I—aw—am sunn we are going to have a beastly hard wintah, woneher know.

Miss Cutting: No, I'm sure I don't know. But why are you so sure of it?

Softleigh: Because I—aw—feel it in me bones.

Miss Cutting: Really? I wasn't aware you were a believer in the old goose-hoos theory.

She's All Right.

(Puck.)
Friend: You told me you had joined the Audubon Society; yet your new hat is trimmed almost entirely with birds and birds' plumage!

The Wear of the Hat: Yes; but, you see, these birds were all killed before I joined the society!

Sufficient unto the Day.

(Puck.)
"But," said the superintendent of construction, "how are we, in building this pyramid, to get such enormous masses of stone up to such a height with our somewhat primitive appliances?"

"What do you mean?" asked the architect. "The pyramids of the reason was given at the Grays' Armory last night, under the auspices of the Virginia Social Club. A great many couples were on the floor, among them, a number of visitors from abroad."

He Hit It.

(Detroit Journal.)
"Do you understand the motive of Mendelssohn's 'Songs Without Words'?"

"Well, I suppose nobody was writing negro dialect in Mendelssohn's time."

The Savage Bachelor.

(Cincinnati Enquirer.)
"Men," said the Dear Girl, "have as much idle curiosity as women."

She said the Savage Bachelor. "Women's curiosity is always active."

FIRE IN CLARKE.

Dwelling-house of Mr. C. B. Jones Burned.

BERRYVILLE, VA., December 30.—(Special.)—The dwelling-house on the farm of Mrs. Courtney B. Jones, near Boyce, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon. The building was a frame one, and was insured for \$750 in the Mutual of London. Mr. W. T. Hausacker, who occupied the house, lost nearly all his furniture, which was not insured. The family, with a number of guests, were at dinner, and knew nothing of the fire until a neighbor rushed in and told them the roof was in flames. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Two Serious Accidents.

BERRYVILLE, VA., December 30.—(Special.)—Mr. Leslie Russell, son of Mr. J. Russell, of this county, met with a serious accident a few days ago. In company with his brother, he was out hunting, when, in getting over a fence, his gun, in his hand, the hammer of the gun caught on the fence and the whole contents were discharged into his foot.

Intelligence has been received here of a painful death which occurred in the town of Warren county, at Shenandoah Junction, one day recently. Young Kidd, who is a telegraph operator, and was stationed at this place for a number of months, was standing with his hands behind him, and with a large cannon-cracker in his hand, which exploded and blew his hand off.

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Dr. J. C. Wood's Pills cure constipation and all its results, easily and thoroughly. 25c. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Wood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only pills to take with Wood's Sarsaparilla.

A New Letter—Several Fires Reported—Judge Wellford's Visit.

AMELIA COUNTY, VA., December 30.—(Special.)—Incendiarism seems to be at work in this county. Mrs. H. B. Mason, of "Omore," lost by fire on the night of the 16th her feed-house, with all her corn and other of its contents, valued at \$100; no insurance.

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CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG.

Fire at the Hurkamp Mansion—Miss Ruth Tanner Wins a Prize.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 30.—(Special.)—The timely discovery of a fire in one of the rooms of the Hurkamp residence at a late hour last night no doubt prevented the entire building from being destroyed. About 11 o'clock an odor of smoke was detected, and on investigation a box of clothing in one of the bedrooms was found to be afire. It was thrown out the window before any serious damage was done.

Miss Mary Embrey entertained a number of friends with a progressive euchre party at her hospitable and handsome home "Fairview" last night. The lady's prize was won by Miss Mary Gordon Wallace, and the second by Miss Ruth Tanner, of Richmond. Mr. M. G. Latimer won the first gentleman's prize, and Mr. F. W. Greene the second. The booby prize was won by Miss Fannie Taylor.

The Reading Club, an organization recently formed of young people, was handsomely entertained by Miss Lucy Brockenough last night at the residence of Mrs. Braxton.

Mr. Walter L. Shields, of Vermont, and Miss Sally Bell, of this city, were married at the residence of Rev. Dr. T. S. Dunaway last night.

Dr. R. J. Williamson, corresponding secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Society, will preach at the Baptist church here Sunday morning and night.

A letter received here yesterday from Monzonillo, Cuba, states that Privates Cox and Clements, of Company C, Fourth Immunes, and Gordon, a private in the same company, have all died lately of fever.

The residence of Mrs. Amanda Rawlett, in King George, was destroyed by fire Monday night. The origin of it is unknown. Mrs. Rawlett's family, including her mother and father, were away at the time.

PETERSBURG.

A New Passenger Depot—Death of Mrs. Stringer, of Ettrick—Personals.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 30.—(Special.)—It is understood that the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company is contemplating an early and desirable improvement at the union passenger depot.

In this city, in the erection of a handsome shed to cover the entire platform around the depot building. The shed will cover a large space, will be of attractive appearance, and will be a great improvement. Hitherto there has been no protection from the weather on the platform in going to or coming from the trains, or in handling baggage, or to the public.

The village of Ettrick, in Chesterfield county, lost one of its oldest citizens by death this morning. In the person of Mrs. Stringer, a venerable and greatly respected lady, who had lived there for over sixty years.

There are no new developments in the matter of the building of the Richmond, Petersburg, and Carolina railroad beyond the present terminus of twenty miles. President DuWitt Smith, General-Manager, Nealey, Hon. W. H. McKenney, and others of the road's directors have been in North Carolina during the last day or two on business connected with the road, but nothing definite has transpired as to what was done. In the mean while, the public have entire confidence in the ultimate construction of the entire road, from Richmond to Ridgeway.

In the rush of business incident to the Christmas season, some of our merchants have found themselves victimized by the receipt of spurious notes and coins. As far as known, however, the loss in this respect was small.

The body of a man, who was found dead in the Grays' Armory last night, under the auspices of the Virginia Social Club. A great many couples were on the floor, among them, a number of visitors from abroad.

Postmaster Stith Bolling, who has been confined to his house for some weeks with a broken leg, is yet unable to get out, though gradually getting better.

THE OLD CAPITAL.

Work of the Hunting Club—A Number of Interesting Personals.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 30.—(Special.)—The members of the Peninsula Hunting Club spent several hours yesterday chasing Reynard, and it was one of the most enjoyable and successful hunts of the season. Three foxes were caught, and the day's sport ended with a big dinner. The first of next week, Mr. James Robert Jordan, with a party of friends from Smithfield, will be here with the pack of dogs for a hunt of several days, the guests of the Peninsula Club.

Lectures were resumed to-day at the college after a suspension since last Saturday. Many students have returned, but a great number are yet at their homes. Professor and Mrs. Bishop, after a pleasant visit to Hampton, and Dr. Wharton, who spent Christmas in Richmond, have gotten home.

Mr. Robert W. Galt, chief engineer of the navy (retired), who resides here with his family, has been at the Hotel of the Arkansas Hot Springs, where he was to remain some time for his health.

Mrs. Judge Henley, with her son, Mr. Spencer Henley, and daughter, Miss Catherine, left for Richmond this morning.

Mrs. and Mr. Angelo, from Richmond, are at Strattons, on James river, the guests of friends.

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Milit Distillery Captured.

DWALE, DICKENSON COUNTY, VA., December 30.—(Special.)—Deputy United States Marshal Phelan Clark captured the illicit distillery in Cumberland Mountain country, Wednesday. He also arrested Sam Branch and Robert Stone, who seemed to be in charge of the distillery at the time. They will have a hearing before Commissioner Rush, of Clintwood.

Explosion of a Gas-Generator.

WINDSOR, N. C., December 30.—(Special.)—The tank of the gas generator at R. C. Basmore's store exploded Thursday night. It destroyed the machinery and the machine-house, and seriously injured R. W. Mizell, his clerk, and Nathan Clark (colored). They were burned to such an extent that all of them are confined to their beds, and are under the care of physicians.

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THE YOSEMITE.

Arrives at Norfolk—On a Bear Hunt.

NORFOLK, VA., December 30.—(Special.)—The auxiliary cruiser Yosemite arrived at the yard to-day from League Island, Commander Ide in command. A salute was given Commodore Farquhar's flag and returned. The Yosemite will be here several weeks undergoing extensive repairs preparatory to her departure to Manila with 600 men for Admiral Dewey's fleet. A draft of sixty sailors arrived from New York to-day and went aboard the Franklin. It was reported after these arrived that a large body of marines, sent to reinforce the Yosemite, had been ordered to Havana in view of the strained condition of affairs between the Cubans and American troops over the evacuation ceremonies and the possibilities that a clash might at any time occur. However, that the government contemplates ordering a force sent to Cuba from this yard.

Ex-United States Senator Warner Miller and his son arrived here this morning from New York, and left later in the day for a bear and deer hunt in the Dismal Swamp with Mr. E. A. Buell.

CLOSED ITS SESSION.

The Modern Language Association—Charlottesville Notes.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 30.—(Special.)—The sessions of the Modern Language Association closed last evening with the programme as given in this correspondence. The officers for the ensuing year are Dr. H. C. C. Von Jagow, of Harvard, president; Dr. James W. Bright, of Johns Hopkins, secretary, and Dr. Herbert E. Greene, of the same university, treasurer. The association meets in 1899 at Columbia College, in New York city.

Last night Bill Linkum, one of the negroes who assaulted the Fritchets near Woodburn, in this county, Saturday, leaving both men insensible, after robbing them of their money, was arrested by the sheriff, and is now in jail. His confederates are still at large. Elijah Fritchett's skull was fractured, and he is in a critical condition.

A very much enjoyed German was danced at a very happy evening. Among the present were Mrs. Warfield, Mrs. Tufnel, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Storm, Mrs. Pries, Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Buegle, Mrs. Mallory, Mrs. Neve, Misses Holberton, Nannie Wood, Boden, Willie Jones, Kathleen Weller, Willie Bowcock, John W. Lafferty, Susan Jones, Rosa Wood, Abell, Hannah Gordon, Messrs. Louis and William Gordon, Joe Coffman, Bryan Gordon, A. S. Anderson, Carey Coffman, Robert Wayland, Woods Price, Z. Holliday, Walter Price, Danney Coffman, John White, Tufnel, Graves, Storm, Mallory, Boone, St. John Call, Terry Carpenter, Mosley, and the Rev. Mr. Neve.

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